(b) The names of the major foreign donors are contained in the Annual Report on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associatons published by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report upto the year 2000-01 are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) During the period 1999-00 to 2000-01, voluntary associations working in Madhubani district of Bihar reported receipt of foreign contribution as follows:-

Year	Amount (Rs./lakhs)
1999-00	102.74
2000-01	239.50

The returns for the year 2001 -02 are under compilation.The foreign contribution received from donor agencies in Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom was reported to have been utilised for purposes such as rural development, relief for victims of natural calamities, health care and family welfare, welfare of women and children etc.

(d) and (e) The inspection of accounts and records of associations under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. 1976 is an ongoing process. Appropriate action is taken in each case under the provisions of the Act depending upon the facts and circumstances emerging from the said inspection of accounts and records.

Norms to invite during Swearing-in-Ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan

1572. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any set guidelines which regulate the invitation of V.I.P. in the swearing in-ceremony of the President of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answer to (a) is in the negative, the basis on which such invitations are issued;

(d) whether Government received any complaint from some Chief Minister of States that invitation for attending the swearing ceremony of the President Abdul Kalam was issued on 'pick-and-choose' basis; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) There are no formal prescribed set of guidelines on inviting VIPs to the swearing-in-ceremony of the President-elect.

(c) Invitations for the swearing-in-ceremony of the President-elect are extended on the basis of specific decisions taken, keeping in view the past practices, to various dignitaries in the following categories:—

(i) dignitaries figuring in Table of Precedence up to Article 20, present in Delhi;

(ii) foreign diplomats;

(iii) Members of Parliament, who desire to attend the ceremony;

(iv) leaders of political parties in both Houses of the Parliament;

(v) guests of the President, President-elect and Prime Minister, and

(vi) any other VIP/dignitary, including Chief Ministers, Governors of States, etc., who send a request for attending the ceremony.

(d) No formal/written complaint was received by the Government from any Chief Minister that invitations for attending the swearing-in-ceremony of the President-elect. Shri A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, were issued on 'pick-and-choose' basis. However, statements issued by one Chief Minister expressing anguish about an invitation not being issued to that Chief Minister for the swearing-in ceremony of President-elect had appeared in the Press.

(e) The position as explained in reply to part (c), that invitations for the swearing-in ceremony of the President-elect were issued only to those Chief Ministers/Governors who had made a request for the same, was explained by issuing a Press Note and also through a letter sent to the Chief Secretary of the concerned State Government.